

Mails.



STRAITS STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,
MEDITERRANEAN PORTS,
PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for DATA,
VIA PERSIAN GULF, CONTIN-
ENTAL AND AMERICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship **SUTLEY**, Captain W.
D. G. WORCESTER, R.N.R., carrying
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched
from this office for LONDON via BOMBAY,
TO-MORROW, the 21st June, at Noon,
taking Passengers and Cargo for the above
Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France,
and Tea for London (under arrangement)
will be transhipped at Colombo into a
steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and
London; other Cargo for London, &c., will
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-
ment.

Parcels will be received at this Office
until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing. The
contents and value of all packages are
required.

Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Bill of Lading.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. H. JOSEPH,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, June 20, 1894. 986

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, BUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 27th June,
1894, at Noon, the Company's S.S.
OCEANIAN, Commandant Somnitz,
with MAILED, will leave this Port for the
above places.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 13, 1894. 1025

Occidental & Oriental Steam-
Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

Gakko (via Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea and
Yokohama) ... TUESDAY, July 3,
at 1 p.m.

Belgia (via Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea and
Yokohama) ... WEDNESDAY, Aug. 1,
at 1 p.m.

Oceanic (via Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea and
Yokohama) ... TUESDAY, Aug. 21,
at 1 p.m.

THE Steamship **GAEIC** will be
despatched for SAN FRANCISCO,
SAN AGASAKI, KOBÉ, INLAND SEA
and YOKOHAMA, on TUESDAY, the
3rd July, at 1 p.m., connection being made
at Yokohama with Steamers from Shanghai.

Steamers of this line pass through the
INLAND SEA OF JAPAN and call at
HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to
break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the prin-
cipal cities of the United States or Canada.

Rates and particulars of the various routes
may be obtained upon application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,
to European officials in service of China
and Japan, and to Government officials and
their families.

Passengers who have paid full fare, re-
embarking at San Francisco for China, or
Japan (or vice versa) within one year, will
be allowed a discount of 10 per cent. This
allowance does not apply to through fares
from China and Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full, and same will be received
at the Company's Office until 5 p.m. on the
day previous to sailing.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco,
to the United States, should be forwarded to
the Company's Office, addressed to the Col-
lector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or
Passage, apply to the Agency of this
Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 13, 1894. 1024

Mails.

**NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP
AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.**
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

Tacoma ... Tuesday, July 17.
Sikah ... Tuesday, August 7.
Victoria ... Tuesday, August 28.
Tacoma ... Tuesday, Sept. 26.
Sikah ... Tuesday, October 16.

THE Steamship **TACOMA**, Captain
VICTOR PERLES, sailing at Noon, on
TUESDAY, the 19th July, will proceed to
VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA via
SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBÉ and
YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan,
Pacific Coast Ports, and to Canadian and
United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United
States Ports should be in quadruplicate;
and one copy must be sent forward by the
steamer to the care of The Freight Agent,
Northern Pacific Railroad, Tacoma, Wash.

Parcels must be sent to our Office with
address marked in full by 5 p.m., on the
day previous to sailing.

For further information as to Passage or
Freight, apply to

DODWELL, CARILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 13, 1894. 1055

To Let.

TO LET.

DWELLING HOUSES.
"HIGHERS," at MAGAZINE GAP.
No. 1, RIFES TERRACE.
FLOORS in BLUE BUILDINGS.
FLOORS in ELGIN STREET, PRATY
STREET and STANTON STREET.
FLOORS in No. 5, SHELLEY
STREET.

OFFICES.
FIRST FLOOR No. 4, Queen's
Road Central, over the BANK OF
CHINA, JAPAN & STRAITS, LTD.
PRATY CENTRAL, over Messrs.
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.'s.

GODOWNS.
BLUE BUILDINGS.

Apply to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, May 1, 1894. 1E

TO LET.

THE HUT, CASTLE ROAD.
Front of FIRST FLOOR of No. 10,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, suitable for Office
or Residence;
And a Large GODOWN on KOWLOON
PRATY, suitable for Storage of Coal, Timber
or other Goods.

LOWER WOODLANDS WEST.
No. 7, UPPER MOSQUE TERRACE.
Apply to
LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, May 11, 1894. 702

TO LET.

NO. 2, PRATY STREET, next to the
E.C. Office,
No. 72, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Apply to
G. C. ANDERSON,
13, Praya Central.

Hongkong, March 16, 1893. 504

TO LET.

NOS. 5, 7 and 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE.
No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.
THE GROUND FLOOR of the Premises
now in course of erection at the corner of
ICE HOUSE STREET and QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
suitable for OFFICES or SHOPS.
The Floor can be divided into separate
Suites of Offices if necessary, to suit intending
Tenants.

A Large and Dry GODOWN suitable for
the STORAGE of OPIUM, COTTON, &c.,
of about 2000 Tons (Gross) capacity, also
TO LET, with or without Premises.
OFFICES in VICTORIA BUILDINGS.
OFFICE in No. 4, PRATY CENTRAL.

Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, April 23, 1894. 329

To-day's Advertisements.

KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 2.

HOIHOW HARBOUR LIGHT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the HOI-
HOW HARBOUR LIGHT was ex-
tinguished for the first time at sunset on the
16th June, 1894.

The illuminating apparatus is a four-sided
Dioptric one of the Sixth Order showing
three white flashes in rapid succession every
forty-five seconds and between each group
of three white flashes a single red flash.

The Lighthouse stands 464 yards South
of high water mark on the Southern shore
of Hoihow Bay, and the Light, which is
elevated 73 feet above the level of the sea,
should be visible in clear weather at a dis-
tance of 10 miles in all directions where it
is not obscured by land.

The Tower is round, of iron, with a total
height from its base to lantern of 22
feet.

The lower, dwellings and boundary wall
are white.

Approximate position:-
Latitude 20° 15' N.
Longitude 110° 16' 10" E.

C. J. PRICE,
Acting Harbour Master.

Approved:
F. S. UNWIN,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship
Changsha,
J. E. WILLIAMS, Com-
mander, will be de-
spatched as above on SATURDAY, 30th
Instant, at 5 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed
to the Superior Accommodation offered
by this steamer. First-class Saloon
is situated forward of the Engine.
A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
supply of Fresh Provisions during the
entire voyage. A duly qualified Surgeon is
carried.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, June 20, 1894. 1044

To-day's Advertisements.

U. S. Mail Line.
**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
COMPANY.**

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND
HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Peking (via
Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and
Yokohama) ... WEDNESDAY, July 11,
at 1 p.m.

China (via Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea and
Yokohama) ... TUESDAY, July 24,
at 1 p.m.

Pere (via Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea and
Yokohama) ... SATURDAY, Aug. 11,
at 1 p.m.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship **CITY OF
PEKING** will be despatched for
SAN FRANCISCO, NAGASAKI,
KOBÉ, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA,
on WEDNESDAY, the 11th July, at 1 p.m.,
taking Passengers and Freight for Japan,
the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the
INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at
HONOLULU, and passengers are allowed to
break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passengers Tickets granted to
England, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the prin-
cipal cities of the United States or Canada.
Rates may be obtained upon applica-
tion.

Passengers holding orders FOR OVER-
LAND OCEANIC to the United States have,
between San Francisco and Chicago, the
option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL
PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER
AND RIO GRANDE, and the OCEANIC
PACIFIC RAILWAYS; also the CANA-
DIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment
of \$10.00 Gold in addition to the regular
tariff rate.

Particulars of the various routes can be
had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to
Missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,
to European officials in service of China
and Japan, and to Government officials and
their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-
portation to Yokohama and other Japan
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and
Inland Cities of the United States, via
Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad,
and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico,
Central and South America, by the Com-
pany's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4
p.m. the day previous to sailing. Parcel
Packages will be received at the office until
5 p.m. the same day; all Parcel Packages
should be marked to address in full; value
of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo
destined to points beyond San Francisco
in the United States, should be sent to the
Company's Office in Seal Harbor, Trinidad,
addressed to the Collector of Customs at San
Francisco.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 7, Praya Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 20, 1894. 1057

**Dakin, Cruickshank &
Company, Ltd.**

VAPOUROLES.
CARBOLIC ACID AND CAMPHOR.
CARBOLIC ACID AND LAVENDER.
PURE OXYGEN.
CHLORINE.
MERCURIC CHLORIDE.
SULPHUROUS ACID.

VAPOUROLES are Carbon Compounds with
a glass flask inside, the contents of
which is vaporized by the heat of the
burning Carbon.

USEFUL AND EFFECTUAL
FOR
DISINFECTING AND FUMIGATING
ROOMS.
Will also
KEEP AWAY MOSQUITOES, ETC.

Price, 25 CENTS EACH.

**Dakin, Cruickshank & Co.,
LIMITED.**
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG. 1048

WEEKLY NEWS FOR HOME.
The Overland China Mail.

IS PUBLISHED to suit the Departure
of each European and American Mail
Steamer for Europe. It contains special
Commercial Intelligence, special tables of
Shipping, and other information. The
Reports of Courts and Meetings, and
all other news, are given in full as
they appear in the Daily Press.

The Overland China Mail, by the con-
venience of its form and the accuracy and
fulness of its reports, has long been popular
with residents who wish to send home a
weekly budget of the news of Hongkong
and the Far East. Circulating, as it does,
among nearly all the old China 'hands'
at Home and also among residents at the
Treaty Ports and in the interior, it offers
special advantages to all.

The Overland China Mail will be regularly
posted from the China Mail Office to sub-
scribers, on their addresses being forwarded
to the Office.

SUBSCRIPTION:-
Per Annum, ... \$12.00, postage, ... \$1.00
Quarterly, ... \$3.00, ... " 0.25
Single Copy, ... 0.30.
China Mail Office, Hongkong.

THE REVENUE OF CHINA.
A SERIES OF ARTICLES,
Reprinted from 'The China Mail.'
WITH AN APPENDIX.

THIS PAMPHLET is Now Ready,
and may be had at the
OFFICE of THIS PAPER,
Messrs. LYNCH, CRAWFORD & Co.'s,
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH's,
and Mr. W. BREWER's.

Price, ... 50 CENTS.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen & Ports of Call.	Bayern (a)	Norddeutscher Lloyd.	About June 25.
Japan.	Vorona (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	June 22, at noon.
Kobe and Yokohama.	Yokohama (a)	Shewan & Co.	June 25.
London & Ports of Call.	Butley (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	June 21, at noon.
London, v. Suez Canal.	Bombay (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About June 25.
London and Hamburg.	Nestor (a)	Butterfield & Swire.	July 10, daylight.
Marseilles, v. Saigon.	Turbo (a)	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	About July 4.
New York.	Oceanic (a)	Messageries Maritimes.	June 27, at noon.
New York.	Edward May	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco.	Darmstadt	Siemens & Co.	Quick despatch.
San Francisco, v. Japan.	Changsha (a)	Butterfield & Swire.	June 30, at 3 p.m.
San Francisco, v. Japan.	Shiao (a)	O. & G. S. N. Co.	July 3, at 1 p.m.
Shanghai.	City of Peking (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai.	Yokohama (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
Shanghai, v. Japan.	Butley (a)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	June 21, at 4 p.m.
Singapore, v. Japan.	Namoa (a)	Douglas Lafrank & Co.	June 22, at noon.
Singapore, v. Japan.	Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui	Douglas Lafrank & Co.	June 21, at noon.
Swatow, Amoy & Tamsui	Empress of India (a)	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	July 17, at 4 p.m.
Victoria (B.C.), &c.	Tacoma (a)	N. P. & C. Co.	July 17, at 4 p.m.

To-day's Advertisements.

**DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.**

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOSHOW.
The Co.'s Steamship
Namoa,
Captain HARRIS, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 22nd Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, June 20, 1894. 1058

Not Responsible for Debts.
Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

A. G. Ropes, Amer. ship, Capt. D. H.
Rivers.-Jardine, Matheson & Co.

EMILY Reed, American ship, Captain
Siemssen.-Shewan & Co.

L. SCHEFF, American ship, Capt. Chas.
S. Kendall.-Reuter Brothers & Co.

Manx Urry, British barque, Capt. S.
Montgomery.-Government.

Tacoma, American ship, Capt. Gaffey.-
Jardine, Matheson & Co.

SHIPPING.
ARRIVALS.
June 20:-
Hangchow, British str., 399, O. Derby,
Wuhu June 12, and Chinkiang 13, Rico.-
Butterfield & Swire.

Namoa, British steamer, 863, H. C. A.
Harris, Rookow June 17, Amoy 18, and
Swatow 19, General.-DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP
Co.

Departures.
June 20:-
Lyemson, for Canton.
Hongkong, for Hoihow.
Proprietor, for Saigon.
Emeralda, for Manila.
Maiden City, for Bangkok.
Tayuan, for Shanghai.
Frisong, for Shanghai.
Hanyuan, for Kobe.
Masayoshi Maru, for Kobe.
Aglava, for Yokohama.
City of Rio de Janeiro, for Amoy, &c.
Rio, for Amoy.
Empire, for Yokohama.

CLEARED.
Glenfield, for Shanghai.
Arlis, for Foochow.
Strathglen, for Kobe.
Frisong, for Shanghai.
Tai Lee, for Newchwang.
A. G. Ropes, for Kobe.

ROUTES OF CLOSING THE
ENGLISH AND FRENCH MAILS.
When the Packets leave at Noon.

The following hours will be observed in
closing the Mails for Europe, &c., by the
English and French Packets, when they
leave at Noon. The Money Order Office
will be closed at 5 p.m. before.

8.00 A.M.-Posting of Prices Current and
Circulars closes.
(Prices Current and Circulars may
however be posted up to 10 o'clock
if they are tied in bundles, country
by country, with the addresses all
on one map.)

10.00 A.M.-Registry closes.
10.30 A.M.-Posting of Newspapers,
Books, and Patterns closes.
11.00 A.M.-Mail closes.

Letters may be posted (from
11.10 A.M.) with 10 cents extra for up to
11.30 A.M. after which hour they may
be sent on board with the same Late
Fee.

Letters, Parcels, &c. for Kowloon
Point and steamers in Harbour may be
posted in the General Post Office up to
11.20 a.m. and 3.30 p.m.

Letters from Kowloon Point may be
posted in the Police Station Compound up
to 12 and 4 o'clock.

Local rates will be charged.
To avoid robbery, senders of letters from
Kowloon are requested to cancel their
stamps by writing the word stamped across
the cover.

Covers containing Bank Notes, Jewellery
&c. should be registered.
There will be no Sunday delivery.

EXPORT CARGOES.
Per s.s. **Prick**, sailed 6th June:-From
Hongkong to Port Said, 8 cases Paludettes
for Havre, 5 cases Rice, 3 cases China
Tea, 222 cases Salt, 1 case China
Tea, and 31 cases Matting; for Havre option
Hamburg option London, 19 boxes
Essential Oil and 16 boxes Bristole; for
Hamburg, 33 cases, 30 boxes Rice, 30
cases Tea, 222 cases Salt, 1 case China
Tea, 3015 cases Tea, 32 half-chests Tea, 1 case
China, 135 rolls Matting, 500 boxes
Cassia Lignea, 4 cases Paper, 3 cases
Machinery, 3 boxes Rhinographic Articles,
1 case Copperware, 1 case Silk, 212 pgs.
Miscellaneous and 1 pgs. Sundries. No
Hawthorn option London, 148 pgs. Bris-
tles; for Antwerp, 40 pgs. Rattanware, 2
cases Silk, 65 boxes Rattanware, 100 cases
Gallatin; for Amsterdam, 16 cases China
ware, 1 case Bambooware and 29 rolls Mat-

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cases Tea, 222 cases Salt, 1 case China
Tea, 3015 cases Tea, 32 half-chests Tea, 1 case
China, 135 rolls Matting, 500 boxes
Cassia Lignea, 4 cases Paper, 3 cases
Machinery, 3 boxes Rhinographic Articles,
1 case Copperware, 1 case Silk, 212 pgs.
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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.-Fokien leaves for Amoy, &c.
Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
4 p.m.-Canton leaves for Shanghai.
4 p.m.-Friga leaves for Hamburg, &c.

Auctions.
2.30 p.m.-

collected, the Government has yet made in the direction of municipal administration, and only when it is proved that the Board is not only useless but dangerous to the community and incapable of reforming the ratepayers' agreement to its abolition and a reversion to the old methods of departmental administration in sanitary affairs. Surely it is not beyond the wit of man to devise a workable scheme, whereby more extensive powers could be bestowed upon the Sanitary Board, especially in having the supreme control of its own officers. There is no reason, except perhaps, a personal one, why the Colonial Surgeon should not be attached to the Sanitary Board, as an independent adviser. There is every reason why the Medical Officer of Health for the port should come under the supervision of the same body; and there is the best of reasons for placing the Sanitary Board in charge of the complete drainage system of the Colony—main sewers, house drains and general sewerage. A sewer and a drain are distinct, etymological terms, but they form parts of the concrete subject of sanitation, and if the Sanitary Board is given authority over house drainage it is only reasonable that the same authority should be extended to include the public sewers. We are not prepared to go so far as Mr Leigh and include the supervision of the water supply among the duties of the Sanitary Board. Such supervision would properly come within the scope of a Municipal Council, into which the Sanitary Board may ultimately develop, but until that desirable end is consummated it is, in our opinion, too early to speak of giving the Sanitary Board control of the water supply.

TELEGRAMS.

(Supplied to THE CHINA MAIL.)

(Via Southern Line.)

LONDON, June 18.

THE MOROCCO SUCCESSION.
The British detached (Mediterranean) Squadron will not proceed direct to Tetan, but has been ordered to cruise off Gibraltar.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

PASSAGE SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—*Arthur Head*, May 11; *Pearl*, 22; *Drumfeld*, 25; *Kriemhild*, *Lennox*, 29; *Finnish*, *M. Baguehen*, June 1; *Caledonia*, *Carmarthen*, *Shetland*, *Aberley*, 8.

HOMEWARD BOUND.—*Niche*, May 25; *Titan*, *Corinth*, 29; *Agamemnon*, *Thames*, June 1; *Cypsel*, *Glencon*, *Elan*, *Tartarus*, 6.

The O. & O. s.s. *Gaelic*, with the AMERICAN MAIL of May 29, left Yokohama on Tuesday, June 19, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Sunday, June 24.

The M. M. Co's s.s. *Caledonia*, with the FREIGHT MAIL of May 25, left Singapore on Wednesday, June 20, at 8 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, June 27. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on April 18.

The C. P. R. s.s. *Empress of India*, from Vancouver, left Kobe for Hongkong, via Nagasaki and Shanghai at 1.30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20.

The P. & O. s.s. *City of Peking*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama, on June 7.

The N. P. s.s. *Tacoma* left Victoria, B. C., on June 13, for Japan and Hongkong.

The Union Line s.s. *Amelia*, from Melbourne, Australia, left Singapore on June 15, and may be expected here on or about June 22.

The s.s. *Kutsum*, from Calcutta and Straits, leaves Singapore for this port on June 20, and may be expected here on or about June 25.

The N. G. I. s.s. *Bornida* left Bombay for this port on June 13.

The P. & O. s.s. *Formosa* left London for this port on May 30.

The N. G. I. s.s. *Bornida* left Singapore yesterday for this port, and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.

To-day being the anniversary of the accession of Queen Victoria, the usual salutes were fired at noon.

We have received from the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs a copy of the Medical Reports for the half-year ended 31st March, 1894, published by order of the Inspector General of Customs.

This afternoon, Sergeant Archibald MacDonald, who is leaving by the P. and O. steamer *Sialig* for home to-morrow on the completion of fifteen years' service in the Hongkong Police Force, was presented by his comrades at the Central Police Station with a handsome gold watch as a token of the esteem in which he is held by them.

Sergeant MacDonald has been extremely popular during his stay in the Colony, and there was a large gathering, including the whole of the Inspectorate and the men not on duty. Chief Inspector Mathison made the presentation in a few well-chosen sentences. He referred to Sergeant MacDonald's popularity, ability and steadiness, and while wishing him a happy return to his native island of North Ulster, Inspector Mathison expressed the regret of the Force at losing the services of so valuable an officer. Sergeant MacDonald, who suitably acknowledged the handsome gift, said he would be very much interested to learn that the members of the Force had received a favourable reply from the Secretary of State to their petition for an increase of pay.

Inspector Mathison assured Sergeant MacDonald that if he was not pleased with his reception at home, he would always be a place for him in Hongkong.

The first Gymkhana meeting takes place on Saturday, 7th July. There will be two foot races and four pony events.

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SERGEANT-CAPTAIN James, A.M.S., has been appointed by the Governor to be sent at the Sanitary Board during the absence of Mr N. J. Eds. Mr R. K. Leigh, it will be remembered, was nominated by His Excellency and attended the last meeting of the Board, but afterwards resigned in order to stand election as a representative of the ratepayers of the Colony.

ABOUT half-past three o'clock this morning, the alarm was given that fire had broken out in a house at 228 Queen's Road Central. The Fire Brigade turned out, and were able to confine the fire to the house where it had originated. The ground floor was occupied as a general goods store and the upper storeys as dwelling houses. The shop was insured for \$2500 in two offices, the names of which have not been ascertained. No report is made as to how the fire occurred.

A REMOVAL has been in circulation in shipping circles to-day that the sailing ship *William Leachur* was lost with all hands off Cape St. James in the recent typhoon in that quarter. The vessel, which formerly belonged to Messrs H. G. Brown & Co., is now owned by Chinese who had received no definite information, at a late hour this afternoon. The *William Leachur* left Hongkong for Mantung and Singapore on 4th May last, and would probably be about Cape St. James last week. Her captain and officers were Europeans, but the crew consisted chiefly of Chinese.

THE many friends of Mr T. F. Hough, the popular Clerk of the Course, will be sorry to learn that he is not making the progress towards recovery which might be desired from the accident he sustained while riding *Vagrant* at the Race Meeting in February last. Mr Hough leaves by the English mail steamer *Sutley* for London, where he will escape the trying summer of Hongkong and receive special treatment for his injured limb. His friends will look forward to welcoming him back to the Colony rejuvenated and completely restored in health.

The following business comes before the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board to-morrow—*Agenda*.—1. Colonial Secretary's letter regarding the appointment of Surgeon-Major James, A.M.S., as a member of the Board, and the election by the Rate-payers as members of the Board of Messrs R. K. Leigh, M.I.C.E., and J. J. Francis, Q.C. 2. Mortality Returns for weeks ended the 9th and 16th June, 1894.

3. Colonial Secretary's letter concerning an offensive smell at the Office adjoining those of the Sanitary Board. 4. Colonial Secretary's letter transmitting a Draft Bill entitled 'An Ordinance to prohibit the fraudulent affixing of certain official marks to animals.' 5. Colonial Secretary's letter requesting to have an expression of opinion from the Board upon the subject of the steps that should be taken to complete the separate system. 6. Further letter from Messrs D. Sassoon, Sons & Co. concerning offensive smells in the neighbourhood of their Office. 7. Letter from Mr Atwood concerning an offensive smell emanating from a drain opening upon the foreshore near Kowloon Point. 8. Letter from Mr A. G. Gordon complaining of a nuisance arising from the Bowington Canal at low water. 9. Application for permission to erect water closets upon Inland Lot 27, (Robinson Road and Peel Street).

A SEAMAN named Michael Neylon, a native of Limerick, was drowned at Bangkok on the 8th inst. He was painting the *Greenbush* when he fell overboard. Some of the crew saw him struggling in the water, but were afraid to jump in to his rescue, and before a sampan could reach the spot Neylon had sunk.

SIR W. Harcourt must have a very remarkable vocal compass, equal probably to that of Giulio Ravogli and Santley combined. So at least we infer from a copy of a brief speech made by him the other day in the House of Commons. The police officer in *Black and White*, March 24, ends thus: 'Before he had done his voice had sunk many o'clocks.'

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A REMINDER.
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